

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending in this application.

Specification Amendments

The title of the specification is revised to be more descriptive as to the claimed invention in accordance with the Examiner's requirement.

A typographical error at page 10 (paragraph [0021]) of the specification is also corrected as required by the Examiner.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

Allowed Claims

Applicants note that the Official Action indicates that claims 1-15 are pending and objected to. However, claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Applicants thus request that the Examiner confirm in the Notice of Allowability that claims 1-16 are pending and allowable.

As all formal matters are now addressed, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same earnestly is solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at the


telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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